

## CHRISTIAN WANTS INQUIRY INTO CITY'S EXPENDITURES

Seeks to Determine Whether or Not Richmond Can Live Within Its Income.

REFERS PAPER TO COMMITTEE

Salaries of City Employees to Be Paid Pending Adoption of Budget. Will Include General 10 Per Cent Increase Voted Last September.

After considerable debate, the Board of Aldermen last night referred to the Council Committee on Finance the resolution reported by the Committee on Ordinances providing for the appointment of a special committee to conduct an inquiry into the financial condition of the city to determine whether an increased tax rate is necessary at this time. Motion to table the resolution because members believed it premature and inadvisable at this time was defeated by a tie vote.

As reported by the committee, the resolution, which was offered by Major T. C. Christian, provided for the appointment of a special committee of seven members. Four members are to be selected from the Common Council and three from the Board of Aldermen. The committee will investigate the financial condition of the city to determine if an increased tax rate is necessary, and upon what sources this increase should be levied.

It would also be the duty of the committee to conduct a thorough investigation of all departments of the city government, and to determine whether by a reduction of expenses, such action as possible might be taken to live within its present income. Major Christian said it would in no way curtail the powers of the Finance Committee, would not prevent the passage of the budget and could cause no harm.

TIME TO FIND OUT IF CITY CAN LIVE ON ITS INCOME

"I think it is time the Council should be informed of the city's financial condition," said Major Christian. "Citizens are already burdened with taxes, and we should know whether or not an increase in local rates is absolutely necessary. The appointment of this committee will do no harm. It would not prevent or delay the passage of the budget. The committee might report in a few weeks, and again it might not report for six months. If it found anything the Council could act on."

That the resolution was a remarkable paper was the opinion expressed by Alderman Powers, who thought the Finance Committee was fully informed on all matters relating to the financial condition of the city, and could so inform the Council. He then moved that the resolution be referred to the Finance Committee, but Alderman Puller offered a substitute the tabling of the paper.

Alderman Gilman thought the special committee unnecessary, while Alderman Mitchell and Puller also opposed the paper. The substitute to table was lost, the vote being 5 to 5. The motion to refer was adopted, 5 to 5.

PRESENT TAX RATE

NOT CONSIDERED HIGH

Richmond's present tax on real estate is not regarded as high. Comparison with other cities is difficult because of variations of State and county taxes on the same subjects, assessments at part of the value and the practice in many other States of charging a large part of the cost of street paving to abutting owners. Out of eight cities of approximately the same size, after making all due allowances, the Bureau of Municipal Research has placed Richmond, Omaha, Worcester, Syracuse, New Haven.

In the matter of net per capita debt Richmond does not rank so good a showing, the survey giving Richmond a net debt of \$2.07 per capita, while Atlanta has only a debt of \$2.55 per capita. However, Richmond owns municipal utilities which are privately owned, this city having more to show for the money it owes. These eight cities in the size of their per capita debt run from large to small, as follows: Omaha, \$2.55; Richmond, \$2.07; Atlanta, \$2.05; and Birmingham, \$2.14.

Under a suspension of the rules the Board concurred in the resolution directing the auditor and treasurer to pay the salaries of all city employees at the present rates until the 1918 budget ordinance has been approved and the funds provided by it made available.

City employees expressed some worry yesterday over this resolution. In certain quarters it was feared that salaries paid pending approval of the appropriation ordinance might be subject to the 10 per cent bonus voted last September and included in the proposed 1918 budget. The statement was made by Auditor Chesnut, however, that the 10 per cent bonus would be paid until the new appropriations are available.

The Board also suspended the rules and concurred in the resolution authorizing City Clerk Alfred H. McDowell to appoint an assistant at an annual salary of \$1,800, who will act as clerk of Council committees.

PROTEST AGAINST PAYMENTS TO SECTARIAN INSTITUTIONS

The Virginia State Court of the Guardians of Liberty protested against appropriations to sectarian organizations in the 1918 budget. The letter from this organization, which was referred to the Finance Committee, objected to appropriations totaling \$1,000 to several well-known institutions.

Ordinance concurred in by the Board was as follows:

Authorizing the acceptance by the Administrative Board from Weinbrunn and Kelley, contractors for the Chamberlaine Avenue viaduct, a mortgage in lieu of a surety bond.

Appropriating \$375 for three months' salary of T. P. Howie, now on vacation because of ill health.

Fixing the city's part of the compensation of the Examiner of Records at \$1,464 annually.

Regulating fortune telling.

Governing insular houses.

Authorizing the Mayor to accept a deed from George Cole Scott and wife dedicating a small strip of land upon which a part of the Settling Basin is located.

Permitting D. M. Lea & Co. to enlarge a brick stable in rear of 1913 East Main Street.

The Board referred to the Committee on Public Buildings, Properties and Utilities the resolution authorizing the Administrative Board to sell at public auction the property at the northwest corner of Spotswood and Cary Streets, which was used by the Police Department for a short time as a temporary station. Members of the Board called attention to the present real estate market and expressed the opinion that it might be advisable to hold the real estate since some use for it might develop.

## Sheltering Arms Freed From Debt

Contributions of \$6,700 Are Made by Friends on Founders' Day.

The Sheltering Arms Hospital starts its new year free of debt and with \$1,700 in its treasury as the result of contributions received during Founders' Day exercises held yesterday. A single donation of \$5,000 was made by an interested friend, who refused to allow his or her name to be made public. This contribution was designed to wipe out the entire debt of the institution. Seventeen hundred dollars was received in other donations.

Dr. Robert C. Bryan, a member of the Red Cross Mission to Roumania, and Rev. Fred Davis, pastor of the Union Station Methodist Church, delivered addresses during the exercises. Mr. Hudson, tenor of the Second Baptist Church choir, and Miss Roberta Davis, of the Union Station Methodist Church, aided in the musical program. Miss Frances B. Scott spoke of the history of the institution and its work during the past year.

Special thanks were tendered the King's Daughters of the City County, who maintain a convalescent home for Sheltering Arms patients in Charles City County during the summer.

Miss Scott's report showed that the total expenses of the institution for the year were a little over \$16,000. Of this sum, the city gave \$4,000. Interests from the endowment fund yielded \$3,500. Private donations amounted to about \$4,000 more, leaving the \$5,000 deficit which was covered by the donation yesterday.

During the year the institution treated 632 patients. Only a few of the fifty-three beds are now unoccupied. Officers of the institution stated last night that they did not want their name upon the coming year, the present good financial condition of the institution meant that it would not need as much help as usual. They fear that greater demands than ever will be made upon it during the coming year, and that the need for donations will be proportionately greater.

GERMANS SHOW IGNORANCE

Declare Our Army Will Be No Match for Them, According to Baltimore Recler.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, February 12.—Ignorance displayed by German agents in Switzerland concerning the war preparations of the United States was described in an address here today by Dr. Hugh Birchhead, rector of Emanuel Church, Baltimore, who had traveled extensively in Europe as a representative of the American Red Cross.

Dr. Birchhead said the German agents appeared glad to talk to an American. They told him that the United States has been "terribly deceived by England and France," and that the present policy of Germany is "not to annoy America, as she is not in earnest."

"The American army in 1918 is not a year is not efficient enough to cope with the German machine of forty years' training," Dr. Birchhead said the German agents told him.

HOUSE APPROPRIATES

MILLIONS FOR HOUSES

For Building Homes for Shipyard Workers, \$50,000,000 Is Made Available.

WASHINGTON, February 12.—The administration bill passed today by the Senate appropriating \$50,000,000 for the construction of housing facilities for employees of shipyards engaged in government work was passed by the House late today with a roll call.

The House adopted some minor amendments, which the Senate may accept to obviate necessity of sending the measure to conference.

Under the bill the Shipping Board's emergency fleet corporation may purchase, lease, requisition or condemn any land, buildings or other structures, and may acquire and sell, lease, or exchange these houses, and may make loans on adequate security and for not exceeding ten years to persons, firms or corporations to build houses for shipyard workers.

Sickel Sent to Jail.

Charles S. Sickel, charged with violating the provisions of the State prohibition law, was fined \$50 and sentenced to thirty days in jail by a jury in the Hustings Court.

Dave Robertson May Quit.

NEW YORK, February 12.—Dave Robertson, one of the star outfielders of the Giants, again threatens to retire from the diamond. Robertson, who is dissatisfied with his 1918 contract, wishes to practice medicine at his home in Norfolk, Va. He will hold a conference with President Hempstead within a few days.

## STOP DANDRUFF! HAIR GETS THICK, WAVY, BEAUTIFUL

Girls! Draw a cloth through your hair and double its beauty.

Spend a few cents! Dandruff vanishes and hair stops coming out.

To be possessed of a head of heavy, beautiful hair—soft, lustrous, fluffy, wavy and free from dandruff, is merely a matter of using a little Danderine. It is easy and inexpensive to have beautiful hair and free of it. Just get a small bottle of Knowlton's Danderine—now—all drug stores recommend it—apply a little as directed, and within ten minutes there will be an appearance of abundance, freshness, fluffiness and an incomparable gloss and lustre, and try as you will, you cannot find a trace of dandruff or falling hair; but your real surprise will be after about two weeks' use, when you will see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes, but really new hair—sprouting out all over your scalp—Danderine is, we believe, the only hair hair grower, destroyer of dandruff and cure for itching scalp, and it never fails to stop falling hair at once.

If you want to prove how pretty and soft your hair really is, just fasten a cloth with a little Danderine and carefully draw it through your hair—taking one small strand at a time. Your hair will be soft, glossy and beautiful in just a few moments—a delightful surprise awaits every one who tries this—Adv.

## OPENING OF WESTERN CAMPAIGN IN SIGHT

Signing of Peace Pact Releases Millions and a Half Prisoners in Russia.

MAJORITY ARE MERE WRECK

With Scarcity of Food Prevailing Throughout Nation, Russians Did Not Feed Men to Have Them Physically Fit to Enter Hun Army.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, February 12.—With the opening of the great campaign of 1918 on the western front apparently within sight, military men here examined today with profound interest the situation created by the signing of a peace pact between the central powers and the new Ukraine republic, and the decision of the Bolshevik Russian government to stop fighting and demobilize the army.

Their conclusions were not discouraging. These events on their face would appear to set free enormous German forces for the impending battle in the west, and also to furnish new sources of food supplies for the Teutonic allies, but many factors appear to detract from the advantages the central powers may derive.

One of the threats against the western front dealt upon in public discussions is the fact that, presumably 1,500,000 prisoners of war held in Russia would be released to strengthen the German army.

The fact is said to be, however, that the great majority of the soldiers captured by the Russians are Austrians, not available for western front operations by present indications.

MANY OF PRISONERS ARE CAMP FOLLOWERS

Most of the others are civilian or camp followers of one kind or another, as so far as known, only a small number of German troops were captured on that front. Any men from the prison camps are regarded as of doubtful military value for some time to come, as the Russians, unable to feed their own soldiers, hardly have improved the health of captives.

There is doubt here, also, as to the extent to which the agricultural resources of the Ukraine or of Russia can be brought to the aid of the German people in the near future. Failure of the Russian transportation systems worked in Germany's interest in undermining the fighting power of the Russian armies. The same agency now, necessarily, works against the central powers in their desire to get out food supplies. Moreover, the best wheat regions which may be opened up to the Germans are in a remote section of the Ukraine and in such poor condition that the agricultural system may have to be made over, a difficult process with the confusion that prevails throughout the region.

NEW GERMAN SYNDICATE

Concern Organized to Distribute Imports of Ukrainian Iron Ore and Other Products.

(By Associated Press.) AMSTERDAM, February 12.—The Frankfurter Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, announces the formation of an imports syndicate with a board of officials made up of trade specialists. The syndicate will have a capital of 600,000 marks, and will organize for the purpose of distributing imports of Ukrainian iron ore, oil, fax and wheat among German consumers.

See Snaps Plug at Settling Basin.

Superintendent Eugene E. Davis, of the Water Department, reported to the Administrative Board yesterday that the ice in the river had broken off a plug in the flume at the Settling Basin. Temporary measures were taken, and repairs will be made when the James River becomes navigable. No alarm over this matter was felt.

## DEFENDS HEAVY EXPENSES AT HOG ISLAND YARD

Chairman of Corporation Claims He Was Forced to Pay Higher Prices to Build Plant.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, February 12.—Heavy expenditures of government money in the construction of the Hog Island shipyard at Philadelphia were defended before the Senate investigating committee today by George J. Baldwin, chairman of the board of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, on the ground that the corporation was confronted either with delaying ship construction or paying high costs in building the plant.

Baldwin said the corporation's action was justified because the nation needs ships and the plant expects to turn out fifty-two of them before the end of this year. He added that the corporation will launch all of the 120 ships contracted for on time, unless there is delay incident to transportation or other difficulties. One keel was laid today, he said, and fifty will be down in February and March.

PLAN TO USE CANALS

Director-General McAdoo Would Resort to Water Shipping to Relieve Railroads.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, February 12.—Steps toward greater utilization of navigable rivers, canals and other inland waterways to relieve railroads of a big freight burden were taken today by Director-General McAdoo in appointment of a committee to study water transportation, as it may be coordinated with rail hauling, and make early recommendations so that some definite measures may be taken this summer.

Mr. McAdoo is strongly in favor of government building of a subsidy of barges and canal boats, and it is understood to be his intention to send large quantities of heavy freight over the country's inland waterways within a few months, or as soon as boats are available. This applies particularly to the Mississippi, Missouri and Ohio rivers, the Erie, Chesapeake and Ohio canals, and the Atlantic coastwise canals.

FORTY VICTIMS REPORT

Government Estimates That Number of Names From Tuscania Shipwreck List.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, February 12.—Forty names were removed today from the list unreported American soldiers who were on board the torpedoed liner Tuscania, leaving 300 still to be accounted for. As the War Department advises show only 113 soldiers lost, 187 of those now unreported probably are safe.

Only seven additional survivors were named in today's dispatches and the department has not succeeded in deciphering a number of names garbled in cable transmission. Twenty-one men, whose names appeared on the Tuscania's passenger list, were removed from the roll of unreported when the department was advised that they had been taken off for hospital treatment when the ship touched at Halifax. Twelve others were eliminated, because they had been reported in press dispatches at hospitals in Ireland.

DELAY APPOINTMENTS

Assistants Will Be Named When Major-General March Returns From France.

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, February 12.—Appointment of general officers to fill permanently the five positions of assistant to the chief of staff created by the recent general staff reorganization order probably will not be made until Major-General March returns from France to take up his duties as acting chief of staff. It was indicated today that the officers temporarily assigned will continue to serve until General March has decided to whom he desires to intrust the new division of the work of his office.

## PRESIDENT LINCOLN FIRES PATRIOTISM OF AMERICANS

Thomas Power O'Connor, Irish Member of Parliament, Speaks at Springfield, Ill.

(By Associated Press.) SPRINGFIELD, Ill., February 12.—Thomas Power O'Connor, Irish nationalist leader in Parliament, speaking at a Lincoln Day celebration here tonight, said the name of the martyred President, whose last resting place was in Springfield, had become a "flaming torch" that fires the patriotism of every American, whether at home or facing death on Europe's battle fields.

"What American can be cowardly when Lincoln's courage so inspires?" demanded the speaker. "What American can be selfish when his unselfishness is recorded on every page of his life? What American can prefer the claims of ambition or party in the face of his forgetfulness of all personal and partisan feeling before an imperiled nation? What American can entertain or even tolerate the thought of a divided allegiance in the face of a passionate patriotism and of the indelible resolution with which he fought for a united nation?"

Valentine Tea.

The Lending Hand Society of the Bainbridge Street Baptist Church will conduct a parcel post sale and Valentine tea at the home of Mrs. J. C. Stellings, on Porter Street, Friday night beginning at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will be for the benefit of the church.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Leslie A. Dodge.

Leslie A. Dodge, 703 Twenty-seventh Street, Woodland Heights, who ended yesterday evening at 8:30 after an illness of two weeks. His body will be brought to this city today. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Young Dodge is survived by his mother, Mrs. Charlotte Dodge; a sister, Mrs. W. L. Wood, and a brother, Howard E. Dodge. Prior to his enlistment in the navy he was employed for many years in the printing establishment of J. W. Ferguson & Son. He was a young man of wide acquaintance and a large circle of friends.

Funeral of Thomas H. Smith.

Funeral services for Thomas H. Smith, former postmaster of Manchester and prominent citizen of the South Side, will be conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of his sister, Mrs. L. C. Baker, 415 West Fourteenth Street, by Rev. J. J. Scherer, Jr., assisted by Rev. Charles A. Hall. The death of Mr. Smith occurred Monday afternoon, after a long illness. He was in his fifty-fourth year.

Funeral of John F. Johnson.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., February 12.—Mrs. Sue Johnson, wife of John F. Johnson, died last night at her home near Disputanta. Besides her husband she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. H. Binford, of Disputanta. The funeral will be from Old Blandford Church to-morrow morning.

John D. Walters.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PETERSBURG, Va., February 12.—A telegram received yesterday announced the death at his home in Pulaski, of John D. Walters, well-known here. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Minnie Hawkins, of Petersburg, and three daughters, Mrs. Ralph K. Cole of Chattanooga, and Misses Elsie and Nell Walters, of Pulaski. The funeral and burial will be here to-morrow.

James H. Nolan, Jr.

James Herbert Nolan, Jr., a former exchange teller at the First National Bank, died yesterday at his home, 1 North Spotswood Street, as the result of pneumonia.

DEATHS

COLEMAN.—Died, this morning at 12:40, at 155 West Duval Street, J. H. Coleman.

Funeral notice later.

of an attack of pneumonia. His funeral will take place to-morrow.

Besides his parents, Mr. Nolan is survived by three sisters, Misses Maude, Rena and Lucy Nolan; two brothers, Joseph M. and Augustus Nolan; his grandmother, Mrs. S. T. Hazelwood; an aunt, Mrs. J. W. Fox, of Richmond; and an uncle, Joseph Slaughter, of Newport News.

Funeral of Thomas Farley.

CRAWFORD, Va., February 12.—The funeral of Thomas Jefferson Farley, February 5, was attended by many of his friends. He had been in the employ of the Norfolk and Western Railroad for twenty-five years. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Alice Whit Harper, of Crawfordsburg, two brothers, Travis Farley, of Washington, D. C., and Melvin Farley, of Manassas; two sisters, Mrs. Linda Farley Winfield, wife of Rev. A. L. Winfield, of Bedford City, and Mrs. M. Ellington, of Alabama. He was buried with Masonic honors in the Crawfords Cemetery.

Robert Bates.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., February 12.—Robert Bates, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bates, of 1615 Park Avenue, this city, died in a Norfolk hospital Sunday morning, having been taken there after being injured at Victoria, where he was at work as a brakeman on the Virginia Railway. He was hurried to Norfolk on a special train, but died without regaining consciousness. Mr. Bates was a member of College Hill Baptist Church, and besides his parents is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Perry Perkins and Miss Louise Bates. The body was brought here this afternoon for burial.

Mrs. P. E. North.

LYNCHBURG, Va., February 12.—Mrs. Lillie North, wife of P. E. North, died yesterday at her home at Glasgow, Amherst County. Mrs. North was forty-one years of age.

Miss Emma Kate Armstrong.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LYNCHBURG, Va., February 12.—Miss Emma Kate Armstrong died yesterday at her home, 220 Prince Street, where she had been a teacher in the French department of Randolph-Macon (Woman's) College since 1907. She was the daughter of the late Dr. J. L. Armstrong, who for many years was prominently identified with the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Church, and she was born at Woodstock when her parents were located in that town. Surviving her are her mother, a sister.

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